

East Kaua'i Community Development Plan 2035 Citizen Advisory Committee

**April 24, 2014
Thursday, April 24, 2014
County of Kaua'i Piikoi Building conference Room B
2:00-4:00pm**

AGENDA

- **Welcome**
- **Overview of Process**
- **Introductions**
- **Review of Chapters Updated from 2006 Development Plan Process:**
 - *Values, Vision, and Guiding Principles*
 - *East Kaua'i Past Present & Future*
 - *Rural Character*
 - *Culture*
 - *Natural Resources*
- **Overview of Recent Changes Affecting Growth Assumptions:**
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- **Discussion on Growth Scenarios**
- **Next Steps**

Three Phase Process

- **Review and Update EKCDP - Spring 2014**
 - Some chapters needed minimal updating, others will need revision
- **Meet with CAC and Revise Chapters - Spring and Summer 2014**
- **Finalize EKCDP - Fall 2014**

History of CAC Meetings for the East Kaua'i Community Development Plan

Date	CAC Meeting	Meeting Description
5/2/06	1	Planning process overview & timelines; Identify community groups & orgs
6/28/06	2	Review trends, data, planning assumptions, issues; Visioning
8/15/06	3	Review 1975 Dev Plan, General Plan policies; Outreach & Visioning
10/3/06	4	Planning assumptions; Agency presentations on infrastructure & issues
11/15/06	5	Follow up on Planning Workshop; Visioning; Planning assumptions
11/29/06	6	Prepare for field visits, focus groups for Ag, Recreation, Non-Res Zoning
1/30/07	7	Focus group reports; DHHL Dev Presentation
4/18/07	8	Public Services; Presenters: Fire, Police, & Civil Defense Depts.
9/26/07	9	Reports: Rural Character, Public Access, Open Space, Scenic Corridors
11/7/07	10	Reports: Natural Resources –landforms, habitats, water, trees, erosion
11/20/07	11	Reports: Cultural Resources –historic sites, heritage trail, events, Kapa'a Town
12/4/07	12	Reports: Historic Kapa'a Town, SPAs, Boundaries, In-fill, Walkability
1/14/08	13	Reports: Tourism industry, accommodation, zoning and density, future trends
4/7/08	14	Review Drafts: Ag, Ag Zoning and Density, Subdivisions Requirements
9/18/08	15	Review Draft; Ag land inventory
10/21/08	16	Planning Assumptions, Alternative Growth Scenarios
2/21/2012	17	Completed Milestones

Edited Chapters

- **Introduction (Chapter 1)**
- **Values, Vision and Guiding Principles (Chapter 2)**
- **East Kauaʻi Past, Present and Future (Chapter 3)**
- **Rural Character: Kauaʻi's rural character: describes goals and objectives to maintain and preserve open space, scenic views, and rural corridors. (Chapter 10)**
- **Culture: Protect Historic, Cultural and Spiritual Resources, Sense of Community (Chapter 11)**
- **Environment: Protect Natural Resources and Views; Open Spaces, Parks and Public Access (Chapter 12)**

Values, Vision and Guiding Principles

Six key principles guide the East Kauaʻi Community Development Plan (EKCDP) 2035. These include:

- Manage growth to maintain a high quality of life
- Plan for a range of housing options and economic opportunities
- Protect our precious natural and cultural resources for current and future generations Provide infrastructure, facilities, and services concurrent with existing needs and future growth
- Adopt a plan that is actionable
- Recognize that government, business, and community must work together in partnership to implement the plan

Community Values

Strong Sense of Community: East Kauaʻi families have life-long relationships and personal connections with one another. Families watch out for one another. Many residents volunteer in churches, schools, youth activities, sport leagues, and service organizations to strengthen families and their communities.

Natural Resources and View: Geographic features such as forests, waterfalls, mountains, rivers, and beaches are abundant throughout the region. Residents value the natural beauty of East Kauaʻi and the views of natural land forms.

Open Spaces, Parks and Public Access: Open spaces and agricultural lands define East Kauaʻi's rural character. Residents value access to forest reserves, mountains, and beaches. Parks and playgrounds are community gathering places. Residents enjoy and value outdoor activities and being close to nature.

Historic, Cultural and Spiritual Resources: In ancient Hawaiʻi, Wailua was the political and religious center of Kauaʻi. Wailua was also home to royalty and chiefs. Sacred sites of worship and cultural resources are located in Wailua and throughout the region.

Economic Opportunities: From early sugar, rice, and pineapple cultivation, East Kauaʻi has grown as a major employment center with its retail and resort base. Next to Lihue, Kapaʻa is the second largest economic center on Kauaʻi. Historic Kapaʻa Town is a “working town” that both residents and visitors enjoy.

Vision 2035

- **Residents Enjoy a High Quality of Life in a Rural Setting**
- **Natural Resources are Protected and Open Spaces Preserved**
- **Agricultural Lands are Farmed, Productive, and Protected**
- **Affordable Housing Opportunities Exist for Local Residents**
- **Archeological, Historic, and Cultural Places in Our Community are Respected**
- **New Recreational Facilities Provide Safe and Healthy Opportunities for Youth and Adults**
- **Historic Kapaʻa Town Maintains its Western Plantation Character, is Livable and Walkable, with Mixed Uses, Pedestrian-Friendly Streets, Bike Paths, New Parking, and Public Transit**
- **Visitors are Welcome, Diverse Accommodations are Maintained, and New Attractions Have Opened**
- **Deferred Infrastructure Needs Have Been Addressed**
- **Public Transit Service Has Increased and is Integrated into New Developments**

East Kaua'i Past Present & Future

- Past
- Demographics
- Future

Population forecast:

East Kaua'i's share of the islands population will decrease from 32% to 28.5%

	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2035
East Kauai	16,192	18,784	20,992	22,403	24,128	25,110
Kauai County	51,676	58,463	67,091	74,693	83,328	88,013

Valuing Rural Character and Agriculture

- **HERITAGE:** Active Agricultural Uses take place in rural communities. Important Landmarks and Open Space are preserved and visible in rural areas.
- **ATMOSPHERE:** Rural Village Centers and Buildings have architectural and design features that promote rural character and are designed at a “human scale.”

Preserving Rural Heritage

- **Identify assets and zones and create design guidelines and objectives to inform building and use permitting**
- **Conservation Easements –Public Private Partnerships work to develop them**
- **Open Space and Public Access –funding land purchases**

Preserve and Honor the Historic, Natural, and Social Assets of East Kauaʻi's Culture

This section describes the cultural vision for East Kauaʻi, then recommends goals and objectives to preserve culture, history, and values.

- **Historic assets**
 - Maintain a current list of East Kauaʻi's sites in the Kauaʻi Historic Resources Inventory
 - Adopt guidelines for treatment of sites that include the following principles: preservation and protection, adaptive reuse, compatible or complementary setting, and accessibility
- **Natural assets**
 - Continue Developing the Wailua Heritage Trail
 - Signage and audio tour
 - *Ke Ala Hele Makalae*
 - Complete the section running through East Kauaʻi
 - Create an educational website and brochure for the trail
- **Social assets**
 - Promote East Kauaʻi's multi-cultural events
 - Create a Cultural Resource Center for Hawaiian Culture

Natural Resources: Water quality

- Protect watersheds, monitor stream conditions, maintain in-stream flows, and protect wetlands
- Upgrade and maintain cesspools and septic systems to prevent groundwater seepage.
- Encourage 5-15 foot riparian zones and road verges.
- Advocate for the State Department of Health to conduct Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies for Wailua and Kapa'a Streams.
- Provide technical assistance and incentives to landowners and land users to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff from crop and pasture land.
- Enforce drainage ordinances that encourage provision on-site drainage and filtration.
- Develop in-stream flow standards for East Kaua'i streams.

Natural Resources: Coastal environment

- **Reduce pollution and coastal erosion; Improve healthy reef environments**
- **Enforce grading ordinances to reduce sediment runoff**
- **Support study on coastal setbacks and set appropriate guidelines for protection**
- **Educate and encourage residents to clean marine debris from beaches and reefs**

Chapters Needing Further Discussion, Updating and Revision

4) Alternative and Preferred Growth Scenarios

5) Land Use

6) Transportation & Circulation

7) Parks and Recreation

8) Infrastructure

9) Public Facilities

13) Historic Kapa'a Town

14) Implementation

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